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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: antitrust settlement

Dear Sir or Madame:

I have been following the proceedings in this case carefully and I would like to vehemently protest your proposed settlement with Microsoft. This company shown a long history of an intent to stifle competition. Whether by gutting proposed standards with almost "compatible" versions or supposedly "integrating other functions" into Windows, they continuously have displayed anti competitive behavior that is harmful to consumers. As long as we get "Windows everywhere", Microsoft will be satisfied. Their focus now includes several venues where they want to take over, including the Internet. Consumers will get only what Microsoft and their bloated and kludgy code puts out because they are the 900 pound gorilla. The courts have found that Microsoft is in violation of the law. As consumers and citizens, we must rely on you to protect us from abuses such as with this company. I urge you to reconsider your settlement and provide one that will give us protection from this monopoly.

Any settlement should have clear and unambiguous language and measurable compliance goals. This one, in my opinion, does not. I believe that the current language and oversight scheme will continue to allow Microsoft to stifle competition while waging a delaying action in the courts over the definitions of the current language. Meanwhile, they will be forcing their competitors out of business and reducing the choices of consumers to one. Again, I urge you not to allow a monopoly to continue their conquests by accepting the current agreement.

Regards, Bill T.